

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 13-17 and 20 are now pending.

Independent Claims 1, 3-4, and 6-12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

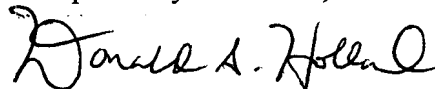
Dependent Claims 2, 5, 18 and 19 were cancelled previously without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

In his Office Action dated May 22, 2007, Examiner Holmes rejected all the remaining "apparatus" Claims 1, 3-4 and 6-12 and allowed the remaining "method" Claims 13-17 and 20. Applicant, by this Amendment, has cancelled the rejected apparatus claims leaving only the allowed method claims.

Applicant believes that its application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a prompt Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald S. Holland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donald" being the most prominent part.

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